

## Continuing Education Data For 2013

The ABN is required by Section 34-21-40, **Code of Alabama 1975**, to provide programs, seminars and workshops. In the early 1990s, the Alabama Legislature amended the Nurse Practice Act in Section 34-21-23 (f), **Code of Alabama 1975**, to require continuing education (CE) as a requirement for nursing license renewal. Currently, the Board implements the CE requirements mandated by the statute by auditing licensed nurses each renewal period, by approving continuing education providers who offer continuing education opportunities to Alabama nurses and by recognizing additional providers that provide or approve continuing education in accordance with criteria that are substantially the same as those required of Alabama Board of Nursing approved providers of continuing education as set forth in ABN Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-10.

### Summary of CE Provider Applications in FY 2013

During FY 2013, the Board approved 117 applications for Approved Providers of Continuing Education, bringing the total number of Board-Approved Providers of CE to more than 350.

FY	Applications Reviewed	Total Applications Approved	Initial Applications Approved	Continuation Applications Approved	Reinstatement Applications Approved	Pending
2013	117	108	13	95	9	3

### Alabama Board of Nursing Continuing Education (CE) Activity

In compliance with the Strategic Plan for FY2009-2013, Continuing Education plan continues to provide direction through CE plan as it focuses on the continuing education needs of managers and supervisors, nurses, providers and ABN staff. Presently there is total of 16 Courses for credit and 9 Non-CE course offerings. Seven of these courses are mandatory classes. Nurses licensed by **examination in Alabama** on or after October 1, 2002 must complete four contact hours of Board – provided continuing education related to Board functions. The required classes are the Nurse Practice Act, regulations, Professional conduct, and accountability. Eight courses may be viewed for additional CE credit. For the FY 2013, the below Continuing Education was developed by the ABN and made available to all Alabama license nurses.

<b>2013 Camtasia Programs- ABN Online Education</b>	<b>Continuing Education</b>
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	<b>Hours</b>
ABN Information for Chief Nursing Officers, Managers, Supervisor 5/28/2013	1.50
Substance Use Disorder In Nursing 6/11/2013	2.14
Systematic Evaluation Plan for Nursing Programs 8/5/2013	1.35
The Continued Practice of Nursing Through Monitored Practice 9/16/13	1.20

### **Continuing Education Audit of License Nurses- FY 2013 Audit Registered Nurses**

The Board conducted an audit of continuing education by registered nurses for FY 2013. Registered nurses license renewal deadline was December 31, 2012. Upon license renewal, the CE records submitted by nursing licensees are subject to an audit. When a licensed nurse renews their license they must attest that the information recorded in the individual CE record is true and accurate. Each renewal period the ABN performs random CE audits to review information submitted by licensees. The audit required that the response be in writing with the submission of a copy of the nurse's Individual CE record; a copy of the certificate for any manual entry made by the nurse on the Individual CE Record; and a copy of the transcript for any academic hours claimed as contact hours. The CE audit consisted of a review of 2% of active Registered Nurses for this renewal period as demonstrated below:

Licensee (RN)s Selected for Audit from active renewal	1299	2%
Licensee's with All ABNP provider continuation credit	497	38%
Active Duty Military	2	less than 1%
Reviewed and compliant with the CE requirement	768	59%
Non-compliant with CE renewal	32	2.4%